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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL UNIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 15, 2009, the  
2       Commissioner of Revenue Services shall submit a report to the joint  
3       standing committees of the General Assembly on judiciary and on  
4       finance, revenue and bonding, in accordance with section 11-4a of the  
5       general statutes, setting forth the legislative and administrative  
6       changes that would be necessary to provide a credit against an  
7       employee's state income tax for the amount of federal income tax paid  
8       by such employee on the fair market value of the health insurance  
9       benefit provided by the employer to such employee's civil union  
10      partner.

11      Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioners of Consumer  
12      Protection, Insurance, Public Health and Revenue Services, the Chief  
13      Court Administrator and the Probate Court Administrator shall use  
14      their best efforts to ascertain any problems that have been encountered  
15      by parties to a civil union when seeking from said agencies, the courts  
16      or any individual or entity licensed or otherwise regulated by said  
17      agencies, the same benefits, protections and responsibilities under law

18 as are granted to spouses in a marriage.

19 (b) Not later than October 1, 2008, the Commissioners of Consumer  
 20 Protection, Insurance, Public Health and Revenue Services, the Chief  
 21 Court Administrator and the Probate Court Administrator, in  
 22 consultation with the Commission on Human Rights and  
 23 Opportunities, shall prepare a standardized letter and send such letter  
 24 to all employees of said agencies, all superior and probate court judges  
 25 and employees, and all individuals or entities licensed or otherwise  
 26 regulated by said agencies explaining that, under state law, parties to a  
 27 civil union have all the same benefits, protections and responsibilities  
 28 as are granted to spouses in a marriage and how that law relates to  
 29 their respective employment, duties, business, trade, profession or  
 30 occupation. Not later than fifteen days prior to the sending of such  
 31 letter, said commissioners and administrators shall forward a copy of  
 32 such letter to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on  
 33 judiciary.

34 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) A legal union of two persons of  
 35 the same sex validly entered into in another state or jurisdiction in  
 36 conformity with the law of such other state or jurisdiction shall be  
 37 valid and recognized in this state as a civil union under sections 46b-  
 38 38aa to 46b-38pp, inclusive, of the general statutes or the 2008  
 39 supplement to the general statutes, provided the requirements for  
 40 entering into such legal union in such other state or jurisdiction, and  
 41 the benefits, protections and responsibilities deriving therefrom, are  
 42 substantially equivalent to the requirements for entering into, and the  
 43 benefits, protections and responsibilities deriving from, a civil union in  
 44 this state under said sections.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To address problems civil union partners are having in accessing the benefits, protections and responsibilities to which they are entitled under state law and to recognize as a civil union in this state the legal union of two persons of the same sex validly entered into in another state or jurisdiction.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*